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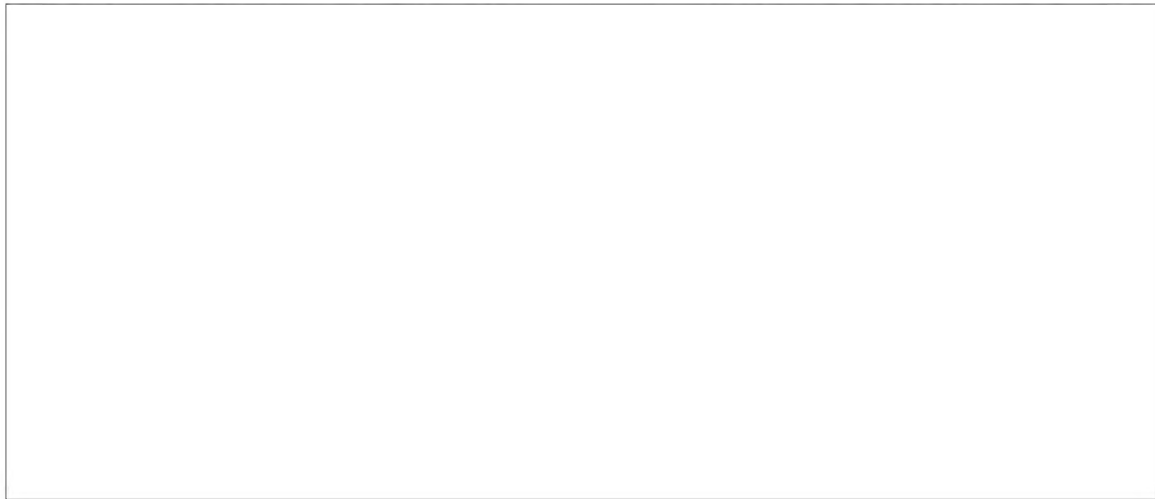
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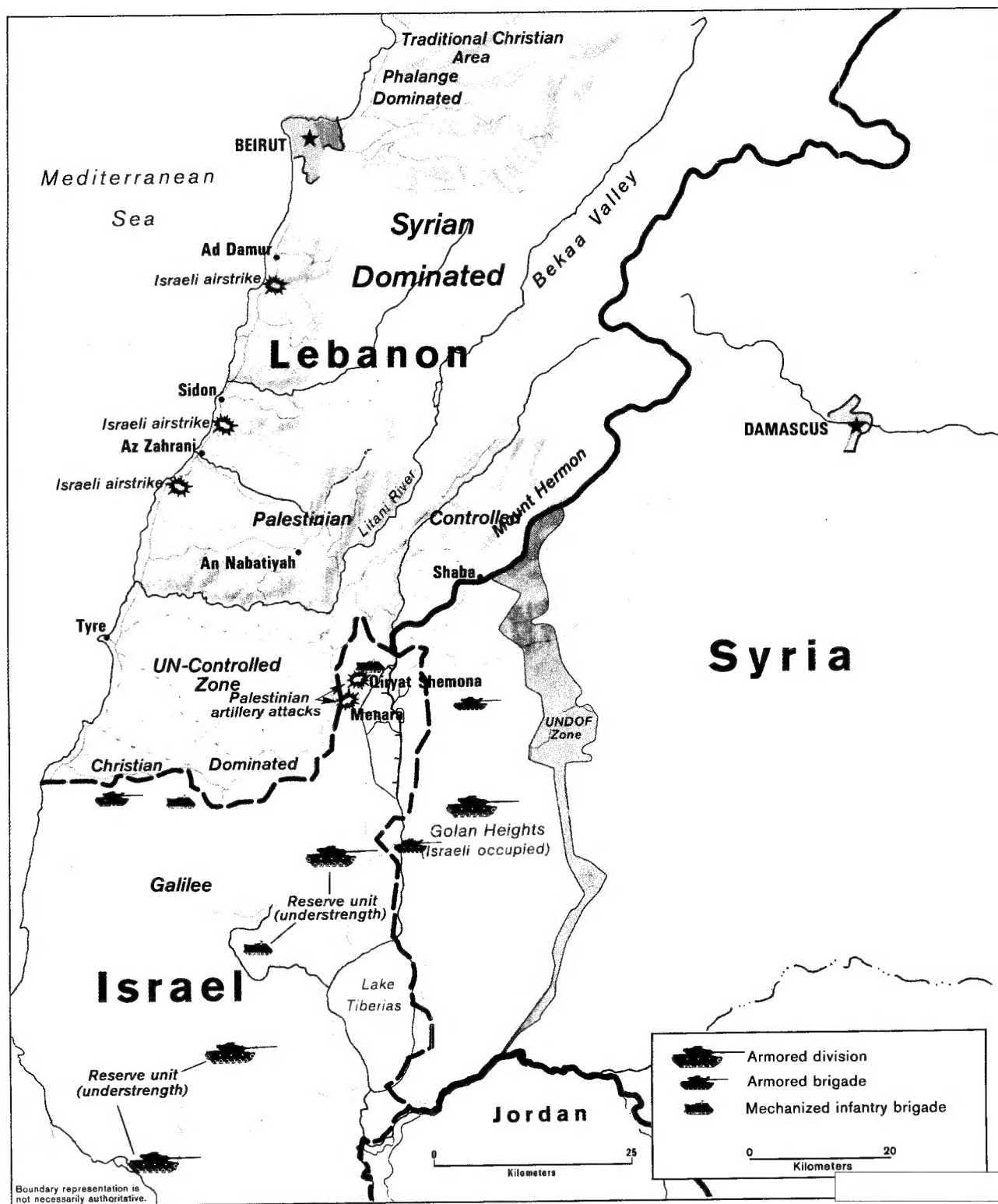
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ISRAEL-LEBANON: Increased Hostilities

The Israeli airstrikes yesterday and Palestinian shelling of Israeli settlements could lead to a breakdown of the cease-fire.

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Israeli aircraft struck at Palestinian bases near Ad Damur, Sidon, and Az Zahrani.

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Pre-liminary reports indicated 10 people were killed and 30 wounded in the raids. Palestinian artillery near An Nabatiyah retaliated by shelling Qiryat Shemona and Menara in the Galilee panhandle, and some shells reportedly fell into western Galilee.

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The Israelis said the airstrikes were in reaction to recent mining incidents inside the Christian enclave of Lebanon and the bombing of a bus yesterday in Jerusalem. Israeli forces on Friday conducted a search operation inside Lebanon for a group of terrorists suspected of planting mines on a road in the Mount Hermon area. An Israeli helicopter reportedly landed in the UN-controlled zone near Shaba and kidnaped four persons believed to be responsible for the operation.

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there has been a significant reduction in the number of Israeli units in the north. The Israeli force appears to have tapered off to some 20,000 after reaching a high of 25,000 in mid-April.

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Comment: The airstrikes yesterday and the Palestinian shelling of northern Israeli settlements could lead to an end of the cease-fire and further exchanges in Lebanon.

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Although no casualties have been reported as a result of the artillery strikes, Israel may decide to take action against the Palestinians by launching airstrikes, commando raids, or even a major ground assault in Lebanon.

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